

Sunday of the Prodigal Son



Trust in the Lord

February 12, 2023

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizis, Presiding Priest

On this the twelfth day of the month, we commemorate Our Holy Fathers St. Meletios the Great, Archbishop of Antioch and St. Antonios, Patriarch of Constantinople; Our Father St. Meletios of Ipsemni

Second Tone Ηχος Β΄

Click links for Scripture Readings

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| Second Morning Gospel: | St. Mark 16:1-8 | Ελληνικά |
| Epistle Reading: | 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 | Ελληνικά |
| Gospel Reading: | St. Luke 15:11-32 | Ελληνικά |

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “When You descended into death, Life immortal, You vanquished the power of hell by Your resplendent divinity, and when You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.”

Apolytikion of the Church: “Blessed are You, O Christ our Lord and God, You who made all wise the fishermen Your Apostles, sending down upon them Your Spirit, which is Holy and through their work drawing the world into Your net, glory to You Who loves mankind.”

Kontakion: “Foolishly, I sprang away* from Thy great fatherly glory,* and dispersed in wicked deeds* the riches that Thou didst give me.* With the Prodigal I therefore* cry unto Thee now:* I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father.* But receive me in repentance;* make me as one of* Thy hired servants, O Lord.”

Altar Donations

Altar Candles in memory of James Genakos†

Vigil Light in memory of Andrew Andrews†





Sacraments and Rites



Memorial: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Konstantinos Grivoyannis†, 6 years. May his memory be eternal.

Funerals: On Tuesday, February 7, the funeral for Athanasios Michalis† was held. On Thursday, February 9, the funeral for Harriet Provel† was held. Eternal be their memories.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, February 18, 1st Saturday of Souls, 9:00 AM

Sunday, February 19, Meatfare Sunday, Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

Saturday, February 25, 2nd Saturday of Souls, 9:00 AM

What are you complaining about?

Many complain against technology. Many accuse modern technology for all the woes in the world.

Is technology really to blame, or those who create technology or who use it?



Is a wooden cross to blame if somebody crucifies someone on it?

Is a hammer to blame if a neighbor breaks his neighbor's skull?

Is the gun to blame if it is pointed to another and the trigger is pulled?

Just as like these technology does not feel good or evil. The same pipes that can be used for drinking clean water are used for the sewer. Evil does not come from unfeeling, dead technology, but from the dead hearts of people. + St. Nikolai Velimirovich

To the pure all things are pure, but to the corrupt and faithless nothing is pure; their minds and consciences are corrupted. They profess to know God, but they deny Him by their deeds; they are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good deed (Titus 1.15-16).

“Anger is a strong fire, consuming all things in its path; it wastes the body and corrupts the soul, and renders a man base and odious to look upon. And if it were possible for the angry man to see himself at the time of his anger, he would not need any other admonition, for there is nothing less pleasing than an angry countenance. Anger is an intoxicant and more wretched than a demon.” - St. John Chrysostom



“There would be no need for sermons, if our lives were shining with God’s grace. There would be no need for words, if we bore witness with our deeds. There would be no pagans and unbelievers, if we were true Christians.” - St. John Chrysostom

Saturday of the Souls Divine Liturgies **Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 4**

“Saturday of the Souls” (Ψυχοσάββατον) are days that the Holy Church has specifically prescribed to pray for those who have taken their repose in the Lord. Memorial Services will not be scheduled on the Sundays immediately following a Saturday of the Souls to help maintain the purpose of these Liturgies. It is important to attend these liturgies to pray for the souls of your departed loved ones. By remembering them in death, we witness God’s ultimate power through Christ’s Resurrection. Please submit names of the deceased to Fr. Peter so that they can be commemorated during the Saturday of Souls Liturgies.



Kolyva

For Memorial Services, a special plate of boiled wheat, called kolyva, is brought to Church and presented to the Saviour. Symbolically, the kolyva represents the souls of those departed who are connected to the Resurrected Lord. The imagery of wheat and its connection to new life is introduced by Christ, “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” (John 12:24) These words of Christ become a comfort to us knowing that each of us must pass through the portal of death. Christ is risen from the dead and through the victory of His Resurrection the fruits of eternal life have been given to those who believe in Him. (Romans 5:8-11; 6:7-11)

During the Saturday of Souls, families are encouraged to bring small bowls of kolyva to church for the memorial prayers offered after liturgy. As always, trays of koliva can be purchased from the church, if you are unable to make them yourselves.

Prayer Request



Katie, Joe, Theo, Barbara, Nicholas, Athanasios, Clarita, Georgia, Savas, Christodoulos, Sophia, Savas, Maria, Michelle, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Steve, Clem, Christos, Dorothy, Bill, Thomas, John, Keti, Dawn, Nick, Hilary, Nicholas, Matt, Diane, Cynthia, Patty, John, Isabel, Noella, Nevin, George, Diana, Lucia, Rich, Keti, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, Connie, Donald, Terry, John, Angela, Andrew, Dianna, Edward, Sue, Thomas, Andrea, Thomas, Alexandra, Ronald, Galina, Angela, Lubove, Despina, Maria, John, Paraskevi (Parri), Dianna, Stephanie, Edward, Brian, Janeen, Cathy, James, Christine, Andrea, Molly, Anastasios, Michael, Angela, Lauren, John, Effie, Stella, Denise, Mirka, Stamatia, Theresa, James, Antoinette, William, Angela, Tanner, Stefanos, Helen, Katherine, Ashley, Angela, Nick, Lindsey, Alexandria, Evdokia, Chris, Zach, Notis, Erica, Christina, Fran, Joan, Hellen, Joseph, Cleopatra, James, Rosa, George, Kathy

Welcome Visitors

Welcome all visitors to our parish. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home, we hope that you will become part of our family. Fr. Peter would like very much to meet you. Please visit the Philoxenia/Fellowship table in the Bouras Center after services to meet parishioners and receive information about the parish.

Trinity Circle

We thank speaker Steve Xenakis for his wonderful presentation of “The Four Elements of Classical Greece”; and Kathy Paone, Joy/Hope leader, for the beautiful Valentine Cards the children made for us. It made our monthly meeting more exciting. We are truly blessed at Holy Trinity to interact with all ministries. If you are 55 or older, please come out and join us.



Philoptochos Valentine Bake Sale - Today

Please stop by the Philoptochos Valentine Bake Sale table during the Fellowship Hour today, February 12, to buy something delicious for your special loved one!

Fr. Peter Serves at St. Nicholas WTC

With the blessings of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, Fr. Peter served as a docent at St. Nicholas National Shrine at World Trade Center on Friday, February 3. Fr. Peter welcomed over 80 visitors who were not put off by the extreme cold or the veracity of wind that further chilled the air. At 1:00 PM a Paraklesis Service was held asking our Panagia for peace in the world and health for our souls and bodies. A few parishioners from Holy Trinity visited the National Shrine and attended the service.

St. Nicholas WTC is open every day (except Tuesday) from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Prayers are offered daily.



Fr. Peter offering prayers for peace in the world and healing.



Holy Trinity Parishioners
After Paraklesis Service

Greek Dance for Everyone

Holy Trinity is happy to offer Greek dance classes for all ages. Joy/Hope (grades K-6th) classes meet on Sundays at 12 noon in Rm 107; GOYA (grades 7th-12th) classes are Sundays from 1-2:30 PM. The adult Greek dance class is off to a great start! Register using the following link [Adult Greek Dance Class](#). Please stop by the GOYA table after church for more information or contact Mary Carayannopoulos (carayannopoulos@comcast.net)

Women of Faith Fellowship - February 16

We continue our discussion on Fr. Anthony Coniaris' book "Daily Vitamins for Spiritual Growth." Class begins at 10:00 AM in room 101. Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Lauren Karanikolas at <mailto:lkaranikolas@msn.com> if you are interested, have any questions, or to be added to the email list to receive weekly summaries and prayer requests.

Sights and Sounds – March 4

Holy Trinity is hosting the 51st year of Sights and Sounds on Saturday, March 4, at which approximately 500 Greek Orthodox Youth from across NJ participate in this unique visual, literary and performing arts competition. About 100 volunteers are needed. Volunteers also gain access to view performances of our talented youth! Please consider donating your time

as a door monitor; morning and afternoon time slots are available. Please contact Roula Ioannou 908-451-3005 or Christina Colonias 917-825-5986. The email address

is sightsandsoundsvolunteers@gmail.com if interested or for further information.

Sights and Sounds is looking for qualified judges. Do you have colleagues, friends, relatives who are art or music teachers, professional artists, musicians? (Cannot be parishioners of

Holy Trinity). Please contact the following individuals: Sounds- Yiana Leichtling at sightsandsoundsjudges@yahoo.com or 908-413-6213; Sights- Ellen Manos-Athenson at ebmanos@yahoo.com or 908-337-0775. Please contact us ASAP.



2023 Stewardship Campaign Update



Currently 238 Stewards have pledged \$339,248.

Your stewardship gifts provide a loving, caring, and welcoming environment where all belong and grow in the faith through worship, service, witness, and fellowship.

Thank you to the parishioners who submitted their pledge cards and stewardship gifts. If you have not submitted your 2023 Stewardship Pledge, please submit your pledge card by March 1 to be in good standing to vote at our annual Parish Assembly and run for the Parish Council.

Your gifts to date have allowed our Parish to achieve our annual Archdiocesan commitment, a gift to the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Foundation, and support our growing and vibrant ministries. Thank you for your support!

Submit your stewardship card online: [Stewardship Commitment Card](#)



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"Giving Thanks: Eucharistic Stewardship"

2023 CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARD

The operating expenses of our Church for the year 2023 are estimated to be \$885,000 (or an estimated \$2,200 per family).

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we pledge to contribute for Christ's work at Holy Trinity Church in 2023 a total amount of:

\$2,200 \$3,000 \$2,000 \$1,000 Young Adults (25-30) \$500 Other \$ _____

For additional information on Legacy or Planned Giving including donations of property, stock, or other securities, please contact the church office (908) 233-8533 or email HolyTrinity@higocnj.org (see enclosed Stock/Security Donation Form)

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Spouse's Name _____

Email Address _____

Names of Dependents _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

Address _____

Cell Number (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

*Please bring your Commitment Card to
Stewardship Sunday Liturgy December 4, 2022*

To vote or seek elective office in the administration of the parish in 2023, your signed Stewardship Commitment Card must be received by March 1, 2023.

Upcoming Parish Events

Today

Community Communion Breakfast

Holy Trinity Religious Education's Community Communion Breakfast is today, February 12, in the Bouras Center immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Limited seating is available. Please join us! Cost is \$14 for adults, \$6 for children. If you have any questions, please reach out to Andrea Cerini at 908-347-3521 or andreacerini3@hotmail.com

Community Communion Sunday

With breakfast to follow



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Sponsored by Holy Trinity Religious Education

All are encouraged to invite their godchildren & godparents and come together in fellowship and faith in receiving Communion as a community and enjoying the breakfast to follow.



Orthros 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM
Breakfast in the Bouras Center after Sunday School classes



Reservations during Fellowship Hour on
January 29th and February 5th

This form and payment can also be dropped off or mailed to the church office,
ATTN: Communion Breakfast

\$14.00 for adults

\$6.00 for children under 12

Today

Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl Sunday 2023 is coming! Be a star and team up with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) in its annual Souper Bowl of Caring. Our parish can make a difference by joining Orthodox parishes throughout America to demonstrate our concern for people in need. On Sunday, February 12, please bring nonperishable food items to help stock local food banks. GOYA youth members will also take a monetary collection to help support the ministry efforts of IOCC.



Sunday, February 12th

**Score a Souper
Bowl Victory
Against Hunger!**

**41 million people struggle with hunger in the
United States, including 13 million children.**

**Your monetary donation and non-perishable
food items can help change that. Team up with
IOCC and GOYA to feed the hungry.**

**Let's turn the biggest weekend of football into
a super day of giving.**



Friday, April 7

The Spirit of Lent Concert

The Spirit of Lent Concert, made up of singers from many Greek Orthodox parishes, will return to Holy Trinity on Friday, April 7. It is an uplifting concert featuring Lenten Liturgical Hymns. This year's director is our own Ryan J. Kiel, who grew up singing in the Holy Trinity Choir, alongside Director Emeritus, Kathryn Athanasoulas. Over the years, singers and audiences alike have come to see this event as a heartfelt preparation for the Great and Holy Week. Please attend, and feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. A Lenten reception will follow. A donation of \$10 is requested, with free admission for students.



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is pleased to host

**The Eastern Federation of
Greek Orthodox Church Musicians**
District of New Jersey

30th Anniversary
The Spirit of Lent Concert

A Choral Offering of
Ancient and Modern Works in
English and Greek

Ryan J. Kiel, Director
E. Hope Demitry, Organist

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Friday, April 7, 2023  
8:00 p.m.  
Refreshments following program

Donation \$10.00  
Students free

[www.holytrinitywestfield.org](http://www.holytrinitywestfield.org)

## Philoptochos at Community FoodBank of NJ – February 24

Philoptochos will be volunteering at Community FoodBank of NJ in Hillside on Friday, February 24, at 1–3 PM. Anyone interested in volunteering please reach out to Kristen Tenzca at [kmt@asis-nj.com](mailto:kmt@asis-nj.com) or Ellen Conti at [eckou327@aol.com](mailto:eckou327@aol.com). Volunteers must be at least 12 years old. Volunteers 12 to 15 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

## Thursday, April 27

### "ARISE"

#### The Ladies of Philoptochos – Fashion Show

On Thursday, April 27, this year's Fashion Show will be held at Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park. Fashions presented by Emily's Boutique, Staten Island. Please stop by the Philoptochos Table during the Fellowship Hour to learn more about ARISE!, and how you can help, or donate. For information contact Cassandra Romas, event chair at [kromas22409@gmail.com](mailto:kromas22409@gmail.com) or 908-296-1586. For donations toward the gift raffle prizes, contact Nina Anastasiou 908-283-3424 or Christina Colonias 917-825-5986.





**GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS**

**✠ AMEN ✠**